

# Miracle Mud

## The Heartbeat (Lesson Point)



**JESUS' MIRACLES  
SHOW US THAT HE  
IS THE SON OF  
GOD.**

## Hide it in Your Heart (Bible Verse)

"In loud voices they praised  
him for all the miracles they  
had seen"  
(Luke 19:37).



## Heart Link (Object Lesson)

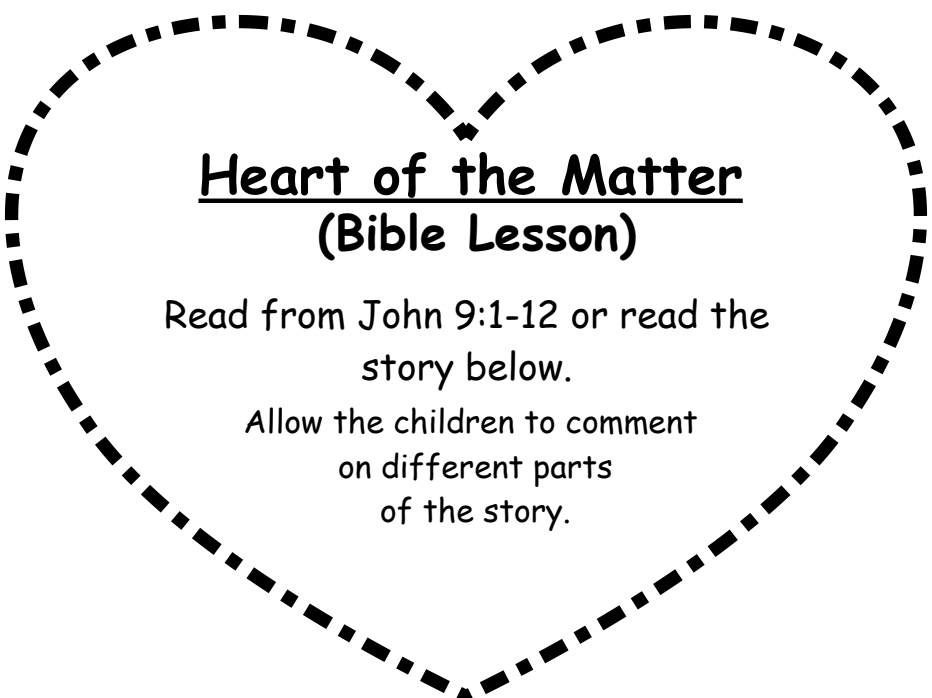


In the heart pouch have a WASH CLOTH.  
Pick a child to come up and see what is in the heart pouch today.

What did you find today? Is someone dirty and you need to clean up? When do you use a towel like this? I use one to wash my face before I go to bed, and I also use one that looks like this to wash my dishes. Sounds like the only thing we use this cloth for is to wash. What do you like to wash? Maybe help with the dishes or wash the car?

In our Bible lesson today Jesus tells a man to go to the river and wash his face. Let's open the Bible and see why.





## Heart of the Matter (Bible Lesson)

Read from John 9:1-12 or read the story below.

Allow the children to comment on different parts of the story.

### The Blind Man

As Jesus was walking along, He came to a man who had been blind from birth. He had never seen a flower, did not know what his parents or friends looked like, and he had never seen the sun. Jesus' disciples asked Jesus if this man was blind because of something bad he or his parents did.

Jesus answered, "It is not because this man or his parents sinned. This happened so God's work could be seen in his life." Jesus bent over and spit in the dirt, making mud. He then picked up some mud and put it on the man's eyes. Can you imagine what the blind man was thinking? YUCK!

Jesus said to him, "Go and wash your face in the pool." (This was like a river or lake.) As soon as the man washed the mud off his eyes, he was able to see. His neighbors and friends could not believe what had happened. They asked, "Isn't this the same man who used to sit and beg?"

Then he said, "I am the man. The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go wash it off, and now I can see." They were all so excited they too wanted to see Jesus and hear more about Him.



## Heart to Heart (Discussion and Questions)

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Use this time to talk about the story.

1. What was wrong with the man when he came to Jesus?
2. What did the disciples ask Jesus about the blind man?
3. How did Jesus make some mud?
4. When the man did as Jesus said, what happened?
5. Did his friends believe he was healed?



### Song: **Miracle Mud**

Play the song a few times in the classroom before introducing it to the children. This way, when it is introduced, they will have some recognition of the song.

## **Miracle Mud**

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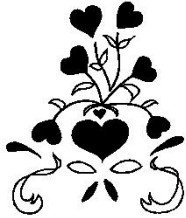
Miracle mud that's what He made  
He took something out of nothing from the wet miry clay  
Miracle mud can't get enough  
Believin' in Jesus and His miracle love

The blind man came to Jesus and said I wanna see  
Can you open my eyes in You I believe  
Then Jesus knelt down in front of the man  
From the dirt that He put in the palm of His hand

So his eyes were opened as he washed in the pool  
Then he followed Jesus and said I'm no fool  
If He can make something out of miracle mud  
Just think what He can do in you and me if there's love

Well I know He's shaping me every day  
He's not finished with this lump of clay

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## Heart Work

Art — Child-Directed Art  
Craft — Teacher-Directed Craft



## Mud Painting ~ Art

Nothing is more fun than playing in mud!

During this project, the children will be able to paint with and discover MUD. (Be brave)  
You will need several washable tubs to help contain the mess.

### Provide the Following but Not Limited to:

- If you are brave, have a tub of mud for the children to “paint with”
- Different shades of brown paint
- Paper
- Paint brushes
- Paint smocks and table covering

Allow the children to be creative. Provide materials for them to use and let their imaginations go. Make sure you have a flat surface for the children to put their creations to lie out and dry. Roll up your sleeves and have some fun.

## Blind Man Mask ~ Craft

The children will be making a mask today to help them share the Bible lesson with others.

### You Will Need the Following:

- Two copies of a pattern of a man's face
- Crayons / Markers
- Tape
- Scissors
- Craft Sticks

Give each child 2 copies of the man's head. One of the copies they will need to cut in half from nose up. This piece will represent when the man was blind. Have the children color brown *all* over the eyes. This will represent the mud Jesus used on his eyes. Finish coloring the hair and skin color. Before having them start coloring the full pattern, help the smaller children by pre-cutting out the eyes. When they are done coloring the full pattern, tape the “muddy” eyes ovetop of the eyes that can see.

When Jesus told the man to go wash off the mud in the pool, he could see again. The children can then flip up the “muddy” piece so they can see. Attach a craft stick to make a puppet.



## Exercise for the Heart (Large or Small Group Activity)



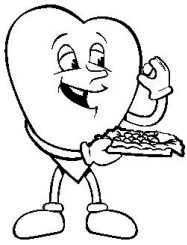
### Feel and Guess Box ~ Activity

Use this time to talk with the children about how blind people use their other senses to help them get around and figure out what things are. They can smell what kind of flower is in front of them, hear a car going by, taste what kind of food they are eating, and feel things that are around them.

Today the children will get to play a game of "Feel and Guess." You will need to get a box that you can cut holes in the sides the size of a child's hand. Put different items in the box and put the lid back in place. Be sure to put items from the classroom that the children will be familiar with.

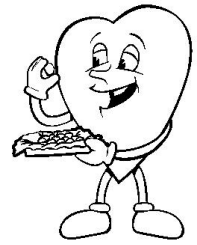
Have the children take turns "feeling and guessing" what is inside.





## Hungry Hearts (Snack Time)

Provide a snack that will help emphasize the day's lesson. Be sure to check for any allergies before planning a snack item.



### Mud

Give each child their own small container of chocolate pudding for snack today. If you want to make it look like real mud, add some crushed Oreos to the pudding. This is always a fun snack for the children. They get to eat MUD.



### Close to the Heart (Closing Prayer)



This is a time to close up your lesson. Answer any questions that may have come up throughout the day. Have prayer together.

Dear Heavenly Father, Thank you for showing us Your great love. You could have made this man with His eye sight, but You chose to use him to show us Your great love. Help us to remember to share who You are with others .

In Jesus' name, Amen

